

ARIZONA JUVENILE CRIME TRENDS

According to official reports, juvenile crime in Arizona is declining. In fact, the number of juvenile arrests has declined since 1996, and the percentage of Arizona violent and property crimes cleared by juvenile arrest has also declined. Meanwhile, the number of juvenile petitions increased through 2000, and then decreased in 2001, 2002 and 2003.

ARIZONA VIOLENT CRIME¹

	REPORTED CRIME	CLEARANCES	CLEARANCES INVOLVING JUVENILES
2000	27,187	10,603	14.4%
2001	28,373	10,586	15.0%
2002	29,782	11,472	13.2%
2003	28,198	11,534	12.5%

ARIZONA PROPERTY CRIME²

	REPORTED CRIME	CLEARANCES	CLEARANCES INVOLVING JUVENILES
2000	272,636	37,372	23.4%
2001	292,463	37,943	21.6%
2002	314,399	41,517	20.5%
2003	310,777	42,143	19.3%

ARIZONA JUVENILE JUSTICE NUMBERS

	ARRESTS ³	REFERRALS ⁴	PETITIONS ⁵
2000	58,807	48,534	20,204
2001	53,850	51,274	19,983
2002	52,373	50,399	19,036
2003	52,941	49,588	17,903

¹ Source: Crime in Arizona, Arizona Department of Public Safety

² Source: Crime in Arizona, Arizona Department of Public Safety

³ Source: Crime in Arizona, Arizona Department of Public Safety

⁴ Source: Juveniles Processed in the Arizona Court System, Arizona Supreme Court

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